

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Dennis Klusaritz, and Mark Hills, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 6, 2018 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The annual Senior Appreciation Day will be held September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Neffs Lutheran Church.
2. Atty. Young announced that executive sessions were held on August 9 and 14 to discuss personnel matters.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the August Treasurer's report and checks #13410-13504 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Heintzelman recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments on a proposed Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 2018-2 AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE 2002-3, SECTION 403-14 & 15**

Ordinance 2018-2 amends Zoning Ordinance 2002-3, Section 403 14 & 15 and provides regulations for the parking and storage of recreational vehicles, commercial vehicles, trailers and dumpsters. Jeff Bartlett noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 22018-2.

A stenographer recorded the proceedings; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board adopted Ordinance 2018-2.

- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, suggested the Ordinance be revised to anticipate other unusual uses of storage containers.
- Gene Wolfgang, Faye Dr., Orefield, cited examples of how some pod could be used for long-term uses.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

Supervisor Heintzelman resumed the regular meeting.

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**LCTI WELDING LAB                      PRELIMINARY/FINAL**

Dan Kotran and Kevin Markell presented the LCTI Welding Lab Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzleman, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary/Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated August 2, 2018.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated June 19, 2018.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated June 21, 2018.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of June 26, 2018.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Secretary's checklist letter.
6. The Developer shall contribute \$6,666.67 to the Traffic Impact Fund per the township engineer's recommendation.
7. The Developer shall contribute \$3,414.50 to the Recreation Fund per township engineer's recommendation.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzleman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**LCTI WELDING LAB                      WAIVER REQUESTS**

Dan Kotran and Kevin Markell, representing the LCTI Welding Lab Plan requested the following waivers:

- 1) The plan is viewed as a Final as well as a Preliminary Sects. 3.02.A, 5.02.A.1, & 6.02.A.2.
- 2) Sect. 5.02.B.3.d, a waiver to not submit erosion control plan to Lehigh Co. Conservation District.
- 3) Sects. 5.03.Q.7, 10.06.K, & Appendix E, a waiver to not provide a Traffic Impact Study.
- 4) Article 8, Sect. 8.01, a waiver of the requirement for an Improvements Agreement.

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzleman, the waivers were granted.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzleman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**LCCC VETERINARY TECH FACILITY                      PRELIMINARY/FINAL**

Tom Deily and Carl Peckitt presented the LCCC Vet Tech Facility to the Board. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzleman, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary/Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated August 2, (with the exception of item #5 which had been waived on August 6, 2018).
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated June 19, 2018. .
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated June 21, 2018.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of June 26, 2018.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning

Secretary's checklist letter.

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6. The Developer shall contribute \$6,666.67 to the Traffic Impact Fund per the township engineer's recommendation.
7. The Developer shall contribute \$5,227.00 to the Recreation Fund per the township engineer's recommendation.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**LCCC VETERINARY TECH FACILITY**

**WAIVER REQUESTS**

Tom Deily and Carl Peckitt representing the LCCC Vet Tech Facility requested the following waivers:

- 1) The plan is viewed as a Final as well as a Preliminary Sect 5.02
- 2) Sect. 5.03.B.6 - regarding boundary line of tract;
- 3) Sect. 5.03.C.3 & C.12 - regarding abutting property owners;
- 4) Sect. 5.03.D - regarding natural features;
- 5) Sect. F.04.D - regarding top width of detention basin;
- 6) Sect. F.04.E; - regarding basin floor minimum grade;
- 7) Sect. F.04.F; - regarding maximum basin slopes;
- 8) Sect. F.04.K; - regarding basin access easement;
- 9) Sect. F.04.N; - regarding basin landscape screenings;
- 10) Sect. F.05.C; - regarding storm sewer diameters and velocities; and
- 11) Sect. 10.22; - regarding easements

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the waivers were granted. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**TIMBERIDGE VII**

**RELEASE LETTER OF CREDIT**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the Engineer Steve Gitch, dated September 4, 2018, and authorized the release of the Letter of Credit for Timberidge VII. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RELEASE OF ESCROWS**

**LEGAL & ENGINEERING & C/O**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the legal and engineering escrow balance of \$4,662.25 and the temporary C/O escrow of \$2,500.00 for the Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays 2-lot Subdivision, to the developer.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**AWARD OF 9-TOWNSHIP WINTER SALT BID**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board awarded the 9-township contract for Sodium Chloride for the 2018/2019 season to Eastern Salt, at their bid price of \$ 59.59 per ton delivered as needed. This contract was bid in conjunction with neighboring municipalities.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS EMS & SR. CLUBS**

Supervisor Heintzelman made a statement noting that he would abstain from voting due to a potential conflict, as he is a member of one of the fire companies.

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Treasurer was authorized to distribute the 2018 budgeted allocations to the Emergency Service Organizations and the Senior Citizens Clubs as follows:

Schnecksville Senior Citizens	950.00
Laurys Station Keen-agers	700.00
ESO	4,500.00

The emergency services organizations will receive the balances of their 2018 allocation.

\$27,123.50 to Northern Valley Ambulance Corp,  
\$17,168.75 to each of the four fire companies.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - abstained; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item

**SUPERVISOR MARK HILLS**

Supervisor Hills stated he received a request for lowering the speed limit on Paradise Road from 55 MPH to 35 MPH. Discussion ensued.

- Jarett Zuber, stated he just wants to build one house on his Paradise Road property and does not feel he should have to pay for a speed study when other homes also front on this road.
- Jeff Johnson, Old Mile Hill Rd, Orefield, and Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, stated that the property developer is responsible for the speed study, and suggested the engineer made a mistake in his sight distance calculations.
- William Smith, Creekside Dr., Coplay, asked how many homes were along that road.
- Gene Wolfgang, Faye Drive, Orefield, inquired if it would be a liability if a speed study is not done before lowering a speed limit.
- Pat Carl, Shady Lane, Orefield, asked if there are other roads with no posted speed limits.
- Richard Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd., Coplay, stated the township put up lower speed limit signs on a PADOT road.
- Jeff Johnson, Old Mile Hill Rd, Orefield, stated he paid for the speed studies for his developments and that if the township offers to split the cost they will have to make that offer to every developer.

**ATIEYEH MINOR SUBDIVISION**

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted an extension of time, until December 31, 2018, in order for the Board to review the Atiyeh Plan. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Mr. Bartlett announced the Hazardous Mitigation Plan has been approved by PEMA and was submitted to FEMA for approval.
- He gave an update on current road projects.
- He announced a special meeting, for the 2019 budget review, would be held October 22, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION REFERENDUM**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized Atty. Young to draft an Ordinance for a referendum to be placed on the spring ballot.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**SUPERVISOR DENNIS KLUSARITZ**

Supervisor Klusaritz inquired about the following items:

- The status of the proposed part-time office person;
- An update on the truck that is in need of repair; and
- The status of the tax rebate for fire fighters.
  
- Jim Steward, Chief of Neffs Fire Co. reported on the criteria established by the township's Emergency Services Organization, for the firefighters to meet, in order to participate in this volunteer service credit program.

The Board voiced its concern for excluding the auxiliary personnel and administrative personnel from this program.

Chief Steward said there are no records for attendance or accountability for these groups. Jeff Johnson, Chief of Tri Clover Fire Co. stated they have a formula for the firefighters for this year and next year criteria can be established for auxiliary personnel and administrative personnel.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):**

- Dan Linchuk, Shady Lane, Orefield, inquired about the status of the efforts to mediate the water problem on Shady Lane.
- Melissa & Christian Caputo and Maryann Levandusky, all of Manor Drive, Neffs, reported on the health and sanitary concerns the neighbors have regarding feral cats that are over running their neighborhood because of one resident who feeds the cats. They presented the Board with information on health issues and sample ordinances and requested the township consider adopting an ordinance to deal with the feeding of feral cats.
- William Smith, Creekside Dr., Coplay, requested a 25 MPH sign for Creekside Drive.
- Jim Steward, Chief of Neffs Fire Co. updated the Board on the status of the new truck the company is purchasing and stated the township grant money may be needed in January.
- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, thanked the township for repairing the Riverview Road culvert that had been washed out by all the rain and suggested they consider replacing it with a bigger version.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer